In this issue, we take a look at a few facets of Hong Kong's pop culture, and celebrate the HKU alumni who have played important roles in shaping the development of this distinctive form of cultural expression. These are individuals who have personified Hong Kong's robust, never-say-die spirit, and who have stepped into the spotlight to tell their stories their way. Few thought of leaving behind legacies; they simply felt they had something worth sharing, and they told it straight from the heart. Not surprisingly, along the way they captured our hearts as well.